(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on Table of the House.

**Unsehsonal rain in South India**

3400. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR:
SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE:
SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:
DR. V. MAITREYAN:
SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assessment has been made of the loss caused to crops, life and property due to unseasonal rain in southern States of the country during the month of March in this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and commodity-wise; and

(c) the rescue operations, special economic package and the Central assistance given to the States, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA); (a) to (c) The Ministry of Home Affairs is concerned in the matter and necessary information is being collected from them.

**Ban on export of milk and milk products**

3401. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of milk and milk products is still being banned by Government;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be lifted;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has lost heavily on the earning of the foreign exchange account due to this ban;

(d) if so, the estimated revenue loss due to this measure; and

(e) what is the total annual production of milk and milk products in the country during the last five years and the total consumption during this period and what is the total exports of these products during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per prevailing Foreign Trade Policy, export of milkrand milk product is free. The prohibition on export of milk and milk products imposed v/de'notification No. 45 dated 9th February 2007 was effective till 30.09.2007 only.

(c) and (d) The available information on export realization is as given below.

| Year | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 (Apr. to June, 07) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Value (in Rs. Lacs) | 67668.24 | 43613.04 | 4093.75 |